



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 25, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Molina and Antonovich:

“In September 2003, this Board authorized the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to sign an agreement ('Agreement'), on behalf of the County, with Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency. The Agreement was for the provision of specialized treatment programs for children placed in homes certified by the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency.

“Pursuant to paragraph 36.0 of the Agreement, the Agreement may be terminated for convenience when such action is deemed by the County to be in the County's best interest.

“We therefore recommend that the Board instruct the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to immediately serve the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency, a written notice of the County's intention to terminate for convenience the entire contract with the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency. The termination will become effective ninety (90) days after the notice is sent.”

Michael Nicholas Gering, David Montgomery, and Janet Davis, Board of Directors, Teresa Reta, Chief Financial Officer, Antonio Williams, Controller, and Gayle Thomas, Agency Supervisor, Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency, Maria Gomez, Daniel Vargas and other interested persons addressed the Board.

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Dr. David Sanders, Director of Children and Family Services and Raymond G. Fortner Jr., County Counsel, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, Supervisors Molina and Antonovich amended their joint recommendation to:

1. Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to report back to the Board within two weeks on the potential reconstitution of the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency to place the fiscal administration of the Agency under another nonprofit organization, including the responsibilities and mission of the Agency to honor the existing contract in order to allow Agency employees to continue to maintain services and ensure that the placed children are not removed from their foster homes; and
2. Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel, to explore means for recapturing funds misused by the former director of the Agency.

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Children and Family Services to immediately serve the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency, a written notice of the County's intention to terminate for convenience the entire contract with the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency, effective 90 days after the notice is sent;
2. Instructed the Director of Children and Family Services to report back to the Board within two weeks on the potential reconstitution of the Refugio Para Niños Foster Family Agency to place the fiscal administration of the Agency under another nonprofit organization, including the responsibilities and mission of the Agency to honor the existing contract in order to allow Agency employees to continue to maintain services and ensure that the placed children are not removed from their foster homes; and
3. Instructed the Director of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel, to explore means for recapturing funds misused by the former director of the Agency.

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